

SENATE BILL 371  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-701,  
relative to cost of living adjustments for beneficiaries of the  
Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-701(a)(4), is amended by  
deleting the word "section" and by substituting instead the word "subsection".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-701, is amended by adding the  
following new language, to be designated as a new subsection "(b)", and by redesignating the  
existing subsections accordingly:

(b) (1) Effective July 1, 1997, if there is a percentage increase in the consumer  
price index, as determined in accordance with subsection (a)(1), of at least one-half of  
one percent (0.5%), the retirement allowance payable to each beneficiary in receipt of an  
allowance prior to the July 1 next following shall be increased commencing on such July  
1 by an amount determined by multiplying the beneficiary's then current retirement  
allowance by such percentage, but not to exceed three percent (3%). Notwithstanding  
the foregoing, if such percentage is one-half of one percent (0.5%) or more but less than  
one percent (1%), the percentage shall be rounded to one percent (1%). This  
adjustment provision shall be in lieu of the adjustments provided for in subsection (a)  
hereof.

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(2) If the percentage increase in the consumer price index is less than one-half of one percent (0.5%), no retirement allowance increase shall be granted pursuant to this subsection.

(3) On July 1, 1997, the retirement allowance of each beneficiary shall be increased in accordance with the following schedule to reflect what the beneficiary's current allowance would be had the beneficiary received adjustments pursuant to this subsection (b) in lieu of the adjustments provided for in subsection (a):

<u>Date of Retirement</u>	<u>Percentage Increase</u>
prior to 7/2/72	17.5%
7/2/72 - 7/1/73	16.8%
7/2/73 - 7/1/74	15.14%
7/2/74 - 7/1/75	14.1%
7/2/75 - 7/1/76	12.9%
7/2/76 - 7/1/77	11.7%
7/2/77 - 7/1/78	10.5%
7/2/78 - 7/1/79	9.5%
7/2/79 - 7/1/80	8.4%
7/2/80 - 7/1/81	7.4%
7/2/81 - 7/1/82	6.5%
7/2/82 - 7/1/83	5.6%
7/2/83 - 7/1/84	4.8%
7/2/84 - 7/1/85	4.1%
7/2/85 - 7/1/86	3.4%
7/2/86 - 7/1/87	3.1%
7/2/87 - 7/1/88	2.5%
7/2/88 - 7/1/89	2.0%
7/2/89 - 7/1/90	1.5%
7/2/90 - 7/1/91	1.0%
7/2/91 - 7/1/92	0.7%
7/2/92 - 7/1/93	0.4%
7/2/93 - 7/1/94	0.2%
7/2/94 - 7/1/95	0.1%

The increase in the beneficiary's monthly retirement allowance shall not be paid retroactively, but shall become effective on July 1, 1997.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, this subsection (b) shall not apply to individuals who are members of the retirement system by virtue of their employment with any employer participating in the retirement system pursuant to chapter 35 of this title unless the governing body of any such employer passes a resolution to accept the associated liability and costs to provide such benefits. This increase in benefits will become effective the July 1 following the adoption of the resolution. No retroactive benefits are to be paid under the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 3. Implementation of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the funding being provided in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.